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SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the county health officer when notified that animal rabies exists or is suspected to exist in his county to immediately make an investigation and furnish the secretary of the State board of health with all information desired.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the county health officer in each county in which these rules and regulations are in force to make a report each week to the secretary of the State board of health. Such reports are to be made until such time as the secretary of the State board of health may deem it wise to withdraw the enforcement of these rules and regulations from such county.

SEC. 8. These rules and regulations are adopted under the authority vested in the State board of health by section 2489 of the Mississippi Code of 1906.

Poorhouses, Paupers' Homes, and Pesthouses—Sanitary Regulation. (Reg. Ed. of H., Jan. 26, 1915.)

1. It shall be unlawful for any board of supervisors, board of aldermen, or city commissioners to own, maintain, or support, in whole or in part, any poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse, except under the following regulations for the protection of inmates therein against contagious and infectious disease, and for the humane treatment of all inmates.

2. A poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse must be kept in a clean condition, in good repair, painted white inside, screened, well lighted and ventilated, and properly heated.

3. The fireplaces or heaters in a poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse must be so arranged with metal bars surrounding them as to prevent the inmates from falling against heaters or in the fireplaces.

4. Excelsior, hay, or straw mattresses will not be allowed in poorhouses or paupers' homes, but cotton mattresses must be used instead. Blankets, comforts, and sheets must be kept clean. Iron beds or hammocks to be used. The room must be kept free from worn-out bedding, old clothing, plunder of any description, such as empty cans, boxes, etc.

5. Efficient bathing facilities must be furnished in each poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse, and all inmates thereof be bathed at regular intervals so as to be kept in a cleanly condition at all times, and must be furnished with clean clothing. An abundant supply of wholesome, well-cooked food must also be furnished all inmates of poorhouses, paupers' homes, or pesthouses. Necessary care must be given those sick, in the preparation of foodstuff, as may be directed by the State board of health or their representative.

6. The water supply for poorhouses, paupers' home, or pesthouses must be pure and unpolluted, care being exercised that the pump or well is so located as not to become infected from toilets. If water is supplied from a well, the same must be kept carefully covered, so as to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

7. Sufficient toilet facilities must be furnished each poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse. Where no waterworks are available, there must be furnished a thoroughly screened fly-proof closet, built in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State board of health. At least one closet must be maintained for each race and sex.

8. No person suffering with consumption or any other contagious or infectious disease shall be placed in a room or any poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse with any other person, except those suffering with a like disease, without authority from the State board of health or its authorized representatives; nor shall more than one person occupy the same bed in any room at any time.

9. When any poorhouse, paupers' home, or pesthouse is kept without complying with these regulations, the officials responsible for same, boards of supervisors, city commissioners, or boards of aldermen shall be proceeded against according to section 2511, chapter 64, laws of 1906.